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In re Application of: IGOR PALLEY ET AL.

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For: BLAST RESISTANT AND BLAST DIRECTING CONTAINER
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August 27, 2002Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231**AMENDMENT**

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remarks that follow:**REMARKS**

Applicants note the withdrawal of claims 12, 48-50 and 54-66 from consideration by the Examiner. The claims under consideration, therefore, are claims 1, 3-11, 13-47 and 51-53, all of which stand rejected by the Examiner.

The invention is a blast resistant container assembly and a blast directing container assembly, each of which comprises a container with blast mitigating material, preferably an aqueous foam, more preferably an aqueous foam having a density in the range of from about 0.01 to about 0.10 g/cm³, located therein. Some of the containers are collapsible. In one embodiment, the container comprises a plurality of faces that are connected at a common edge with fibrous material functioning as a hinge between the faces. In an alternate embodiment, the container is formed by a plurality of bands of specific orientation, at least one of which is formed of a blast resistant material. In the blast-directing embodiment, the container assembly includes at least one closed band comprised of high strength fibers, at least about 50 weight percent of which comprise continuous lengths in the direction

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